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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Today I am lucky enough to have fiber broadband in my apartment, brought to me by a local provider, Sonic Internet. I pay ~\$50/mo. Prior to that, I was paying \$80/mo for roughly 1/10th of the bandwidth.

This inexpensive broadband access provides me with many more options for things like movies and entertainment. I no longer have to pay a cable company for access to channels and programming that I have no interest in, and I'm more likely to spend money on media and services when I know I will have fast, immediate access to them.

Without access to unbundled network elements, companies like Sonic would not have a sufficient addressable market from which to build a business. This can only be a negative for competition. In my view it is critical that we continue to allow competitive access to unbundled network elements in order to allow small companies to compete with large, entrenched almost-monopolies.

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